

FOR SALE

Tailgate Lot

Tailgate lot shut down, owners prepared to sell

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The lot across the street from the Carl and Cheryl Hughes Fieldhouse, known as the grass lot, is no longer open for parking or tailgating as the football season starts.

As the owner of the lot is looking to sell the land, students will have to find a new place to tailgate for the football seasons and future seasons. The lot that once was full during game days now will have a farm gate installed at the main entry and multiple no trespassing signs placed among the out-line of the property.

The grass lot is being sold for by Shirley's Realty.

\$788,000

The 12.29-acre lot is being sold by Shirley's Realty for \$788,000 and has been listed since the spring. Originally, the owners planned on developing the land, but have since relocated and are now looking to sell the residential development property.

Student Senate President Elizabeth Motazedi said she learned of the closure three weeks ago and has heard negative feedback from students.

"I have heard that students are pretty upset about it, just because that is kind of one of those traditions I guess that students look forward to when game days approach," Motazedi said.

University Police Chief Clarence Green said the realtor who is selling the property has notified local law enforcement asking them that all those who park in the lot to be arrested for trespassing.

Motazedi said that even though students are upset, the University is prioritizing student safety.

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Teacher retention rates increase with 4-day week

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Last year, West Nodaway and Nodaway Holt transitioned to four-day school weeks taking away Monday class. This change added 20 minutes to each school day. West Nodaway made this transition after it was voted on by the West Nodaway Board of Education Feb. 9, 2022.

At a different meeting Jan. 26, 2022, parents had concerns about the transition to the four-day week. Studies have shown that students perform better with four-day weeks, according to National Conference of State Legislatures. West Nodaway Principal Tim Conn talked about the impacts of the transition.

Throughout the year, there are several holidays that fall on Mondays where school would have already been out and professional development happened once or twice a month, which was another Monday students would not have been in school with a five-day week.

Conn said the reason four-day school weeks were started was to save money, but the main goal was to retain teachers. Conn said he was happy with the amount of applications the school received for elementary teachers, and he hopes it continues.

"We were pretty fortunate in the elementary side for sure," Conn said. "We had all our teacher positions filled earlier than most this year."

Conn said some of the teachers said the transition to four-day weeks was something that made them interested in applying or kept them at West Nodaway. It was to increase student and teacher attendance and create a consistent school calendar. Studies have shown this to be affective for retaining teachers.

After the COVID-19 pandemic, there was some concern for hiring teachers, but this year West Nodaway did not have to be concerned with that because of the early filling of the teaching positions.

"Last year being our first of it, it just became normal," Conn said. "There was hardly any feedback during the year."

Conn said most initial feedback were questions and people trying to get more information, though several parents expressed concerns, some about finding childcare. As the year progressed, he said there was not much feedback.

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New Diversity and Inclusion VP talks excitement for year

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Northwest has welcomed Shay Malone as the new vice president of Diversity and Inclusion. Malone started this summer and is excited to learn more about diversity and inclusion at Northwest.

Malone is originally from Memphis, Tennessee, but lived in St. Louis for 10 years. She started with dance and English majors and did not realize until her senior year that she wanted to work in higher education.

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"I know change takes time, specifically strategic change takes time. And so I am loving getting to know Northwest and getting to know Maryville."

SHAY MALONE

VICE PRESIDENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

"I knew it was time for me to grow professionally, and when I looked at the job here, I saw some of the great things that Northwest was already doing and things that I am already invested in and some things that I really hold true to how to do this work in diversity and inclusion," Malone said.

She said she fell in love with the campus and the people. She went to school in Missouri as a first generation student, so she said this felt like coming back home.

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Northwest student Anil Kumar Palavelli rows through the water of Colden Pond during the Canoes and Kayaks event organized by Campus Recreation Sept. 6.



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Northwest students Kaitlyn Lucas, Madi Richter and Claire Parker laugh together as they paddle around.



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Northwest students Kavya Alavala, Sneha Kancharla and Manisha SangiReddy laugh at their friends who are watching them row around Colden Pond.



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Northwest student Yogesh Naidu Mahareddy paddles his way back to the dock after kayaking. This event was held from noon to 3 p.m.



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Northwest student Pranitha Reddy Policepatel smiles as she enjoys rowing a kayak around Colden Pond.

Vendors work together to donate produce

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Two weeks ago vendors from the Downtown Maryville Market and members of the community came together to donate produce to St. Gregory Barbarigo Catholic Church’s Manna Kitchen.

Manna Kitchen, which relies partially on donations, provides a free meal each Monday evening to members of the church and those in the community. These meals can be eaten at the church, but people can also have curbside pickup or can have meals delivered to them.

Manna Kitchen volunteer

Debbie Rankin asked owner of Gordie’s Heirlooms Dean Pearson for help with the kitchen’s weekly meal, seeing if he could provide tomatoes for its BLT dinner that would go to feed around 75 members of the community.

“I said ‘I think I can do this,’ but in case I can’t, I wanted to ask for donations from anybody that has extra tomatoes, and I got a pretty good response on that,” Pearson said.

After asking other members of the community for donations, he said even local growers reached out to him offering their produce. With the vendors and others in the community that contributed, they were able to gather over

20 pounds of tomatoes to help make the meal happen.

Rankin said the church was overwhelmed with the amount of people who offered to help with the donations and the kindness shown by the community.



It shows the needy in our community that there are people out there that care and want to be helpful.”

DEBBIE RANKIN

MANNA KITCHEN VOLUNTEER

“I just think it shows a lot of fellowship,” Rankin said. “It shows a lot of compassion for the needy that we do have in the community. It shows the needy in our community that there are people out there that care and want to be helpful.”

Rankin said donations to Manna Kitchen help offset the cost of providing a free meal to the community. It receives many donations, like all of its bread is from the Maryville Ministry Center Food Pantry, and that allows the kitchen to continue to feed those in need each week.

After the donations, she posted on the Downtown Maryville Market Facebook page, thanking everyone for helping make the dinner possible.



ALLISON DUARTE PHOTOGRAPHER

Betty Sleagle from Ravenwood, Missouri’s Kountry Blossom Shop displays a variety of tomatoes at her table at the Downtown Maryville Market Sept. 2. The contributions made by the community surpassed 20 pounds of tomatoes donated for the Manna Kitchen’s BLT dinner.

“One thing for sure living in a small town, people are the kindest, most generous people around,” Rankin said in the post. “This is what a (small) town is all about.”

Many other members of the Facebook group responded, saying that helping people is what they love to do.

Pearson said that if all the vendors came together every week to donate a part of their produce or baked goods, it could do a lot of good in the communi-

ty. If every vendor was willing to gather and donate part of their produce or unsold items from the market, they would be able to help donate fresh ingredients for a hot meal.

“For next year, that’s one of my big plans is to pick a slew of different (food kitchens),” he said. “Each Saturday we would give one enough for that Saturday night meal. They can have fresh green beans, BLTs, watermelon, whatever they want to have. So it’d be a free meal for them to do.”

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Northwest student talks Hispanic Heritage

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Every year Northwest commemorates different heritages with Heritage Month celebrations. Hispanic Heritage starts Sept. 15, and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion has events planned.

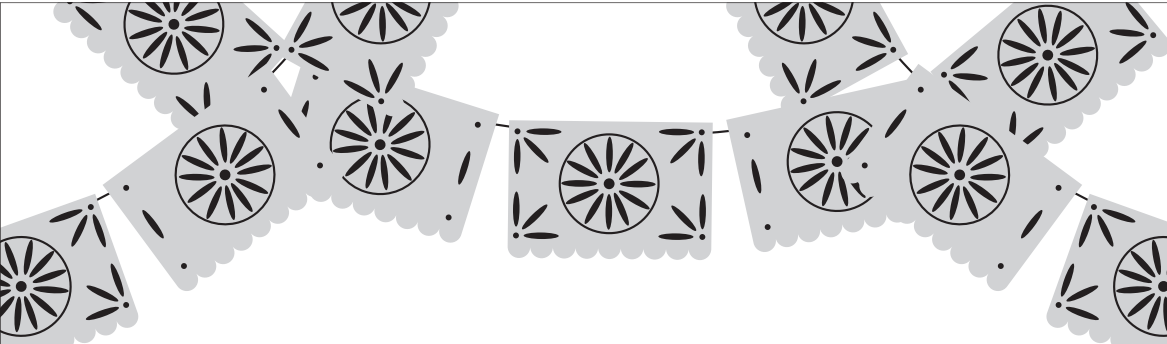
Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 because Sept. 15 was the day Latin American countries gained independence from Spain.

Coordinator of Diversity and Inclusion Latonya Davis said there will be a movie night for the movie “Mi Familia” Sept. 20 and an event for students to make papel picado Sept. 27, which is a traditional streamer making craft. Assistant Professor of Business Araceli Hernández will be speaking at the papel picado event about common misconceptions people have about Hispanic Heritage.

“The point of our office, you know, is to make sure our students are seen, heard and represented,” Davis said. “And it’s important to represent all heritages and all of our students and that’s the beauty of the diversity that’s on our campus.”

Davis said she has many ideas for future celebrations that were not able to be fit in to this year, such as a Dia de los Muertos celebration. She also would like to do donations during these celebrations, like donating canned goods to the food pantry in later years.

Davis said it is also a lot of work to set up these events because they never know what the turnout is going to be. The event of making papel picado is going to be a collabora-



Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept. 15 to Oct. 15

20 Sept.

Movie Night

Mi Familia

A second-generation Mexican immigrant narrates his family history, beginning with the journey of his father. Each subsequent generation contends with political and social hardships. Yet through it all, or perhaps because of it, the family remains strong.

Making Papel Picados

Speaker: Assistant Professor of Business Araceli Hernandez

Create a traditional Mexican party decoration dating back to the Aztecs. Papel Picados are intricately cut paper banners that are used to decorate for any occasion including birthdays, anniversaries, festivals and more.

27 Sept.

GRAPHIC BY SAVANNAH ATHY-SEDBROOK DESIGN EDITOR

oration with the education department and be student led.

Sophomore Annette Guijarro is Mexican and excited to celebrate the month with her family and at school.

“I just find my ethnicity, my heritage, very important to me because it’s one of the biggest

things that I think makes me who I am,” Guijarro said. “The way I present myself, I guess, all roots down to my culture.”

Guijarro’s father and her grandparents on her mother’s side are from Mexico. She said her father uses this month as a time to teach her and her family about

their heritage, so he gives them little lessons about things like the Mexican Revolution.

“I did come from an urban school, and they don’t really teach about other cultures’ histories,” Guijarro said. “So I know during this time, we really like to dive

deep into the history of culture.”

She said there are a lot of misconceptions, and she thinks it is great that someone is going to talk about it because of how it was for her growing up Mexican-American. Davis said she wants to erase any microaggressions and learn about Hispanic culture and other cultures throughout the year.

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ANNETTE GUIJARRO
SOPHOMORE

Guijarro also shared that one of her friends did not have a chance to explore her heritage after because her family was trying to be accepted by Americans and wanted her to associate more with her American Heritage versus her Hispanic Heritage.

“It’s really cool to learn about different cultures in this position, so I’m super excited about that,” Davis said.

Mozingo hires new operations manager

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Mozingo Lake Recreation Park has hired Ryan Shultz, a Northwest alumni, as its new operations manager.

Shultz graduated from Northwest in 2021 with a bachelor’s degree in sports management, but grew up in Savannah, Missouri. During his time at Northwest, he spent his last semester interning at Smithville Parks and Recreation in Smithville, Missouri.

“I really enjoyed working in that atmosphere, and I knew I kind of wanted to get back to a park setting at some point,” he said. “I saw this opportunity open up, and, obviously going to school in Maryville, I was familiar with the park, and it was really nice. So it was something I was excited to apply for and was lucky enough to get.”

As operations manager, Shultz will be in charge of overseeing the RV site and parks, the tent campsites, recreational programming and the informational booth at Mozingo Lake.

During his internship at Smithville, he worked with another Northwest Alumni Matthew Denton to help with many different aspects of the preparation and upkeep of the parks

and recreation department. He also came up with new programming by starting an adult kickball league for community members to participate in.

After ending the internship, he said he knew he wanted to get back into working in a parks and recreation setting.

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RYAN SHULTZ
MOZINGO OPERATIONS
MANAGER

Mozingo Lake Recreation Park Director Jordyn Greenhaw said the knowledge from his internship experience combined with growing up in the area made him a great fit for the position.

“He has great experience,”



SIDNEY LOWRY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Mozingo Lake Recreation Park Operations Manager Ryan Shultz talks about his new position in his office. Shultz is looking forward to working on programming and the upcoming Haunted Campground.

Greenhaw said. “He has that city government experience where, you know, trying to do as much as you can on a limited budget. It’s kind of a different entity if you’re government, tax-funded than it would be if you were working for a corporation.”

Despite only being in the position for a couple of weeks, he has already been hands-on with helping to plan the Haunted Campground at Mozingo Lake.

The Haunted Campground will be Oct. 14 where families can come to carve pumpkins, see decorated RVs, trick-or-treat and more.

He said during his internship, he helped with a similar event that Smithville hosted, but he is looking forward to being more involved with the Mozingo Lake Haunted Campground.

“Just having all the kids and families out here and stuff will be really fun and exciting,

kind of our last big event of the year,” Shultz said.

He said during his time in this position, he hopes to help bring more programming to Maryville.

“I know there’s a lot of opportunity out here,” Shultz said. “We were interested in trying to get new, different recreational programming going on here. And maybe updating some of just the way we do things is making things smoother and easier for people in town.”

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Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

- Sept. 2**
There is an open investigation for property damage in Hudson Hall.
- Aug. 31**
There is a closed investigation for a vehicle accident with **Adrien Salway**.
- Aug. 30**
There is an open investigation for identity theft.
There is a closed investigation for a liquor law violation in Franken Hall.
- Aug. 29**
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in the Wellness Center.
- Aug. 28**
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Dieterich Hall.
There is a closed investigation for a vehicle accident on Centennial Drive with **Thomas J. Dean**.

Maryville Department of Public Safety

- Aug. 30**
There was an accident between **Karen J. Kinder**, 61, and **Kimberly A. Kinderknecht**, 36, on the 100 block of East South Avenue.
- Aug. 28**
There was an accident between **Jessika A. Poppa**, 36, and **Ava A. L. Schreiner**, 20, on U.S. Highway 71 and 282 Street. Poppa was charged with careless and imprudent driving.
- Aug. 26**
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny on the 1200 block of South Main Street.
Keys were recovered on the 100 block of West Sixth Street.
- Aug. 23**
There was a summons issued to **Jonathan C. Kothe**, 25, for driving while suspended on the 900 block of South Main Street.
23, and **Anthony L. Davidson** on the 800 block of East First Street.



Student Senate Treasurer Abby Linhart informs the room about this year’s scheduled Homecoming events at the Senate meeting Sept. 5. Northwest’s Homecoming week begins Oct. 15 and ends with the Bearcat football game Oct. 21.

Senate explains budget, rules about money to all members

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Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

Student Senate Treasurer Abby Linhart gave a presentation about how the money in the Student Senate is handled at the Sept. 5 meeting. Senators also talked about the open positions for new members.

Linhart explained the money is handled through appropriations, cosponsorships and rollover budgets. While explaining, Linhart said because of the loopholes and gray areas previously found with the process of charitable donations, it is now under the category of cosponsorships.

Appropriations are when the Senate supports an organization through giving it funds. When talking about cosponsorships, Linhart said it is similar to appropriations however, Senate would be sponsored socially.

“These are separate from appropriations because they help promote the Senate’s mission of providing for the students and campus of Northwest in a deeper way,” Linhart said. “When posting anything regarding an event that we are cosponsoring, the organization that we do cosponsor is required to include the Sen-

ate on the poster announcement.”

A rollover budget is when money is left over from the previous year’s budget. Linhart said the money in the rollover budget is to support long-term endeavors. Last year at the Nov. 2 meeting, Senate used \$25,000 of its rollover budget to fund Martindale Hall renovations. The Organizational Finance Committee received \$5,000 from the rollover budget to give to the The National Association for Music Education, The Physical Education Club and the Bearcat Golf Club at the March 21 meeting.

Linhart also told members that members of organizations can request appropriations from Senate through the form on Bearcat link. When asked how Senate gets its money, she said Senate gets 40 cents per every credit hour a student is enrolled in through the student activity fee.

Representative Positions

Sophomore Class President and Governmental Affairs Co-Chair Riley Steele nominated On-Campus Representative and Governmental Affairs Co-Chair Allison McCord as a sophomore class representative. During deliberation, Senior Class Representative Jaelee Pittel was in favor of her being a representative.

“She was in PR with me, and she was just hardworking,” Pittel said. “I think she’d be a great representative for the sophomore class.”

McCord was sworn in, and the Senate has two on-campus representative positions and four freshmen class representative positions open. The freshmen info session takes place Sept. 7 at 9 a.m. Vice President Lucas Prater said if these positions fill up, students can always apply to be an associate member.

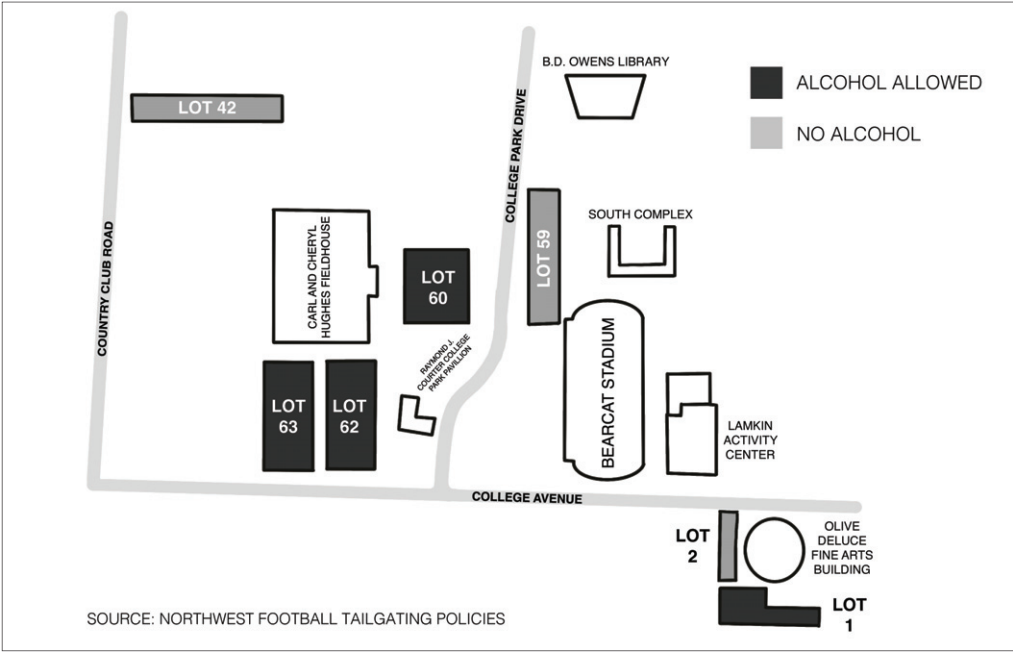
Toward the end of the meeting, Lili Bryant was sworn in as an inclusion representative.

“I decided to want to join and do the inclusion position because I come from a Latina background, and I have immigrant parents,” Bryant said. “So that stuff means a lot to me, and I’m really excited to be part of Senate.”

Other Student Senate business:

- Student Senate President Elizabeth Motazedi encouraged Senate members to use YikYak in a positive way because of the negativity she had heard about from the app.
- Interfraternity Council is encouraging Bearcats to wear light blue ribbons Sept.19 in awareness for prostate cancer.

FOOTBALL TAILGATE PARKING LOTS



TAILGATE

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“That is kind of why this route is being taken with the no trespassing sign is just safety of people,” she said. “Not even with just drinking but also, you know, it being really hot outside and like the outdoor conditions and also people putting themselves at risk with other activities that they would do such as like jumping off the back of a truck or jumping onto a table.”

As for other options on campus for tailgating, Parking Lot 1 behind the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building, and Parking Lots 60 and 63 at the Hughes Fieldhouse are the only lots on campus where the consumption of alcohol is permitted, according to the University Football Tailgating Policy. Within these lots, only those over 21 years old are allowed to con-

sume or possess alcohol, and anyone must have a valid photo ID to show they are of age. No consumption or possession of alcohol is allowed in the Raymond J. Courter College Park Pavillion.

Even in the tailgate lots, people are not allowed to have any device that would allow them to consume alcohol at a rapid rate, like funnels or beer bongs, or play drinking games that promote excess drinking.

Even with the closure of the lot, Motazedi said students can still experience a typical Northwest football season.

“Students realistically can still experience a tailgate, but if they are under the age of 21, they cannot be drinking,” she said. “Obviously it will be different than what people before them experienced, but just make the most of it. It’s a Northwest game day.”



AARON HARE MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
West Nodaway R-I School District is in session after transitioning to a four-day school week. West Nodaway made the switch after the West Nodaway Board of Education voted in favor Feb. 9, 2022.

RETENTION

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Conn said it is still too early to decide if there will be a transition back to five-day school weeks. He said he thinks it needs to run its course and said if data came out in the next few years against four-day weeks, the district would be ready to have a conversation about switching it back.

“Between Monday holidays and monthly professional develop-

ment for teachers, it really didn’t dramatically change the amount of days we were out, just the reasoning we were out,” Conn said.

Conn said the transition has not had a huge impact on the amount of days students are in school for and adding the extra 20 minutes a day also helped even it out. Students have given positive feedback to the transition.

“It’s still really new for us,” Conn said. “We’re still just trying to figure out what’s best for students.”

MALONE

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Coordinator of Diversity and Inclusion Latonya Davis said it has been great working with Malone. They met July 5, Davis said it’s been fun to work with Malone and Senior Coordinator of Diversity Jessie Peter.

“She’s one of those that light up a room,” Davis said.

Malone is an avid reader, having read 322 books last year. She also still loves to dance even though she decided to take a different professional route. She also says something everyone always notices is that she always has music playing and loves almost all types of music.

Malone has been in higher education for around 20 years in a lot of different offices, like admissions, orientation and residential life. She said she always came back to diversity and inclusion because of her background.

“I understand what it means to support and advocate for under-represented students, faculty and



AARON HARE MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Shay Malone works in her new office inside the Administration Building after being appointed assistant vice president of Diversity and Inclusion. Malone previously served in higher education administration, orientation and residential life offices for over 20 years.

staff at a college campus,” Malone said. “And I wanted to give back and do it for someone else because someone did it for me.”

Malone came from the University of South Carolina - Columbia, and while she was there, she worked at a state level as well. She worked with the local

government during the time the Confederate flag was removed off the state house.

She said her favorite part of working at Northwest is the strong sense of community, not only within Northwest, but Maryville as a whole.

Students should consider trade jobs



When pipes break, a plumber fixes them. When a power line goes down, a lineman gets it back up. When you need new tires, a mechanic will put them on for you. The list can go on — these problems will always need people to fix them.

Day-to-day life would not function the same if it wasn't for these careers. A lot of us would be lost without these essential workers. So why are high schoolers pushed toward higher education as if it's the only option?

High school students are pressured to attend college after graduation, but it isn't often they're encouraged to consider trade school. Though there is an increasingly high demand of skilled trade jobs in the U.S., 62% of high school graduates enrolled in college in 2021, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

The average debt for a four-year bachelor's degree is \$34,700, according to Education Data Initiative. Trade school programs typically take less than a year to complete, and the average cost of the program can range from \$3,600 to \$16,000, according to Midwest Technical Institute.

Pressuring teenagers to make such a costly decision so quickly isn't fair to them. That kind of debt can linger, and high schoolers are most likely not aware of the responsibility of paying student loans.

Not only is a program in trade more cost efficient than getting a degree, there is a high demand of trade jobs in the U.S. — so a job after graduation is easily obtainable. At the beginning of 2023, there were more than 700,000 job postings in skilled trade, according to PeopleReady.

High school students are expected to choose their career path their junior or senior year. Let's be honest with them — skilled trade jobs are just as valuable as jobs that require a degree.

The rising cost of college and the realization that college isn't always needed for a successful career have influenced students into other options. Although the direction has changed, a majority of students still feel the need to pursue some sort of higher education to earn a degree.

Trade skilled jobs are reliable and offer benefits some jobs don't. We're setting some high schoolers up for failure when we pressure them into an expensive education they don't want or need.

We should be encouraging students to enter trade workforces as much as we encourage students to go to college. If a student decides to go into a program for mechanics, but change their mind and would rather do HVAC, the cost would be less detrimental than if a college student decided to switch majors or careers post graduation.

Some people spend thousands on a bachelor's degree, and it doesn't even guarantee a job. If it does, it might be in a location you don't want. In trade, job postings are in almost any location.

High school students need to be informed on why they should consider skilled trade jobs just as much as college.



HAILEY JOHNSON-NEESER CARTOONIST

OUR VIEW:

Tailgaters need to be safe even without the grass lot

The grass lot is officially closed, confirmed by gates and no trespassing signs. In its absence, the first Bearcat home football game surely will feel different.

Though this is unfortunate news for those who have spent each home football game at the grass lot, it poses a bigger problem. For students who would spend the morning or all day drinking, they only had to walk a short distance to Bearcat Stadium to make it to the game. With the absence of the tailgate lot, they now have to walk or drive a much greater distance than before.

The close proximity of the grass lot to Bearcat Stadium made sure students who did end up going to the game were able to walk there safely, and there's no doubt that the watchful eye of University Police officers from across the street contributed to another level of security.

Without this lot, people are going to continue their game day traditions by drinking at their homes or apart-

ments. Some of which are down the road and they could still make the walk to the games, but others being much farther who will now choose to drive. This could result in an increase of DUIs and injuries because of choices students make when drunk.

Though some of the activity in the tailgate lot was questionable, it was one of the safest places for students to be on game days. Being right on the edge of campus, not even 30 feet from the Carl and Cheryl Hughes Fieldhouse parking lot, added a layer of protection for students. Though tailgaters might not have liked the closeness at some points, it ultimately kept them safer.

With the possibility of students moving their parties around town, they need to be careful of creating peace disturbances or disorderly conduct as those can have you ticketed, fined or sometimes arrested.

Also, don't forget there are other tailgate lots on campus, like right across

the street at Hughes Fieldhouse, and students over 21 years old are able to drink at these lots. The Raymond J. Courter College Park Pavilion is not a designated space during game days where people can have or drink alcohol, according to University policy.

Those under 21, or people who choose to stay at a house or an apartment to tailgate, need to be safe. If you are wanting to go to the game after your tailgate, have a designated driver take you, even if you feel OK to drive or have only had one drink. Games are also streamed online on the MIAA Network, so if there is a choice between driving drunk or streaming a game, choose the safer option.

The grass lot will be missed by many, but students need to make good choices about what they do at their new tailgate spot and how they get to the games after. Having fun is the ultimate goal, but keeping yourself and others safe in the process is still important.

YOUR VIEW:

Since the tailgate lot is closed, where are you planning to tailgate?

ASHLEE GABLE
Sophomore
Criminology and
Political Science



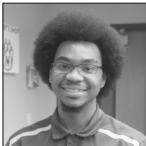
"I think my plans right now are Fourth Street. I'm in a sorority and there are some houses with sorority in them and I think that's kind of our plan, kind of hang out."

MARYANNA BOLINGER
Freshman
Corporate Finance



"The Lighthouse is going to tailgate at the Pavilion outside Hughes Fieldhouse, so I'm going to go to that."

DARREN ROSS
Senior
Computer Science



I mean, I am of age, I will say that first by preference, I have of-age friends that will come to my apartment because I live off campus. But I will say if we come to the game and do anything like that, that's what we would do. I also would say that if the lots are open, like for instance the parking lots or the Hughes Fieldhouse or something, I would be willing to do that there."

THE STROLLER:

Your Bearcat hates the new Twitter logo

I know this is probably the most controversial thing to write in a newspaper, but mostly all of the information I get about the world is from Twitter. Let me clarify, we are in a generation full of short timespans. And when I say short, I mean if the headline doesn't come with a pretty font or big lettering, chances are I haven't read it.

Branding is a big part of getting someone's attention or approval. Design works hand-in-hand, and if it doesn't look good, it's not worth looking at, like the

new Twitter logo Elon Musk sadly decided to replace the infamous bird with. There is no hate for Elon Musk, but failing to remember the reason it is called tweeting is kind of atrocious.

If you ask any Millennial or Generation Z person where they heard about any pop culture or even political story, there is a pretty big chance they would tell you they tapped the bird icon and went to the hashtag. So, why would Musk decide one day that he would get rid of the tweeting bird? I would ask him myself, but

I would probably be begging him for a Tesla instead.

In college, I have taken many classes dealing with branding and logos. Many graphic designers want a more simplistic background, which is good. Like I said, minimalism gets people's attention. However, designs like the Twitter X logo make my list of available jobs after graduation lessen everyday. In fact, if every app or business made their logo a random letter from the alphabet, I might as well drop out now.

Twitter has made a stamp

on our society, and I probably would be socially unaware or a much less joyful person without it. However, I strongly believe Musk should just stick to building more cars than trying to be Twitter famous. Maybe one day Twitter will call me to design the logo, but, until then, I will still be writing hate tweets on a fake page about bad branding deals.

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DESTINY TAYLOR SPORTS REPORTER

Maryville football holds a team huddle in between plays during the third quarter of a 50-12 win over the Harrisonville Wildcats Sept. 1 at Wildcat Stadium. The Spoofhounds will open up their Midland Empire Conference schedule with a road game against Chillicothe at 7 p.m. Sept. 8 in Chillicothe, Missouri.

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The 'Hounds had a complete defensive shutout the first half of the game. The Wildcats didn't score until there was 5:36 left in the third quarter. They scored their second and final touchdown on a 96-yard run from Wildcat junior running back Brandon Phillips with 3:36 left in the game.

The Chillicothe matchup has been a Maryville victory nearly every year since 2010 with only one defeat to break up the 15 victories since then. The Hornets will enter the Week 3 matchup with a 1-1 record, earning their first win in a 42-26 triumph over Kirksville Sept. 1. Davis said Chillicothe has athletes that may be

“ I think we have some great momentum right now. We're going to keep that thing going, baby.”

COOPER GASTLER
SENIOR TIGHT END

challenging to beat this year.

Senior tight end Cooper Gastler totaled two catches, 48 yards and one touchdown against Harrisonville. Gastler said everything was working for him and the rest of the team the night of the Harrisonville game.

"I'm very excited," Gastler said after the game at Harrisonville.

Webb said he thought the team did much better against Harrisonville than Blair Oaks, but it's time to start focusing on its next step. He said the Hornets are one of the 'Hounds oldest rivals and a tough opponent.

"There are still things each week that we need to clean up on," Webb said. "So, you know, it's one of those things that you enjoy the win, and then you put it to bed and work on the really tough Chillicothe opponent."

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"The energy at night games is always fun," Hohensee said. "It's always a fun atmosphere."

When the Bearcats enter the Thursday night contest, they'll be protecting an active home game win streak of 18 — a Division-II best. They'll have to defend their home turf from the Hornets, who started their 2023 campaign with a 56-10 triumph over Lincoln Aug. 31.

Both programs enter Week 2 ranked in the latest American Football Coaches Association top-25 poll, with Northwest at No. 5 and Emporia at No. 18. The two are familiar with meeting while the stakes are high after the Bearcats and Hornets played for a potential playoff spot in the regular season finale Nov. 12, 2022.

"The thing that jumps off at me is, on tape, they look really good," Wright said of the Hornets. "They're going to come in here rolling, but I get better the more tape I get. You know, what's the full complement of what you do offensively and defensively? In the first few games of the season, that's still kind of a work in progress. And so, you know, we just have to be a little bit like last week against (Missouri) Southern, we have to be prepared for things we haven't seen."

One of the Hornets' key returners from a season ago is senior quarterback Braden Gleason. In 2022, Gleason

led the MIAA in passing yards (3,404) and touchdowns (33). Against the Blue Tigers, he seemed to pick up where he left off with 442 yards and five touchdowns through the air.

While the matchup with the Hornets is the second-straight evening game for the Bearcats, it's also the second consecutive Thursday contest. Despite generally playing on Saturdays, Wright said Northwest prepares all preseason for the unusual schedule.

"Actually everything was built, from the day we started camp, that Thursdays were always landmark days because it is a different day, so we've literally been doing this for over a month," Wright said. "The transition is going to happen after this game. These guys will have Friday off, they'll have Saturday off, then we'll be back in the complex on Sunday and we'll roll into a normal schedule."

Whether it's on Thursday or Saturday, though, this game is more than just another Week 2 matchup for Hohensee. For the senior, it's his last home opener, and he's looking to make the most of it.

"I'm excited about it," Hohensee said. "Any time you can play at night in Bearcat Stadium, we know the fans will bring the energy for us. So, all of us are really excited just to get back out in front of our home crowd, and we know how much of an advantage that is for us."



AARON HARE MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior defender Sydney Mueller dribbles the ball down the pitch during practice in Carl and Cheryl Hughes Fieldhouse. The Bearcat soccer team's home opener is at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 8 against Augustana.

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Gordon said playing at home certainly helps, especially with how much support has grown for the team in recent years and the time the games are played.

"There's more of an effort to come out and see us play," Gordon said. "We have a Friday kick off at five o'clock, it's not at (3 p.m.) when people are getting out of class."

Northwest is 0-1-1, tying with Missouri-St. Louis, 2-2, Sept. 1, and falling to Drury, 2-1, Sept. 3.

Junior defender Sydney Mueller said although the Bearcats weren't able to get the

results they wanted in their first weekend of the regular season, they learned from it.

"We've got a lot of new pieces we're trying to fit in," Mueller said. "Just having some experience and having some time to play with those is good."

Gordon said the players need to not take the first two matches as a negative, but they do need to learn from the challenges to finish out contests in the future.

"We come out pretty quickly, set a good tone for ourselves and our play, but, right now, we turn off for a few minutes after we score a goal," Gordon said. "We've got to play from minute one to minute 90."



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Softball begins conference slate at home

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Spoofhound softball returned home from a tough, 7-6 loss against Lathrop Aug. 29. Maryville began Midland Empire Conference play with a 17-8 loss to Cameron Sept. 5 at home, with a record of 2-2 overall, the team hoped to go above .500 in the early stages of the season.

Maryville was looking for its first win against Cameron since 2018. Going into his first conference game at the helm of the Spoofhounds, coach Tyler Nickerson made sure his players knew this game and any game this season is theirs to win.

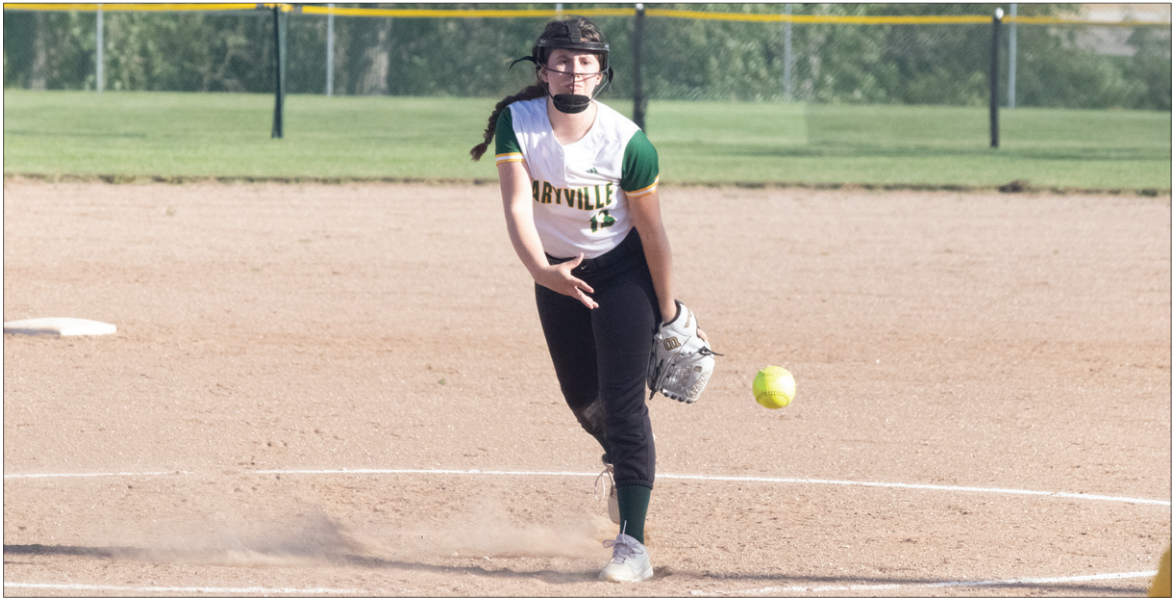
“I have just tried to preach confidence into the girls all throughout the season and to never go into any game thinking that any team is better than us,” Nickerson said.

The Dragons’ bats came out hot, scoring six runs in the top of the first inning, while two of them were not credited to Spoofhound sophomore starting pitcher Phoebe Hornickel.

Maryville’s bats answered, starting with sophomore third baseman Brylie Henggeler reaching base on a single. Senior center fielder Emma Sprague drove her in on a double to the right field gap. Sprague scored with the help of a single from junior catcher Alyssa Cunningham. Cunningham scored a run of her own on a wild pitch.

With Hornickel still toeing the rubber for the Spoofhounds and looking for a rebound inning, she started off the second with an out after the lead-off Dragon was thrown out attempting to steal second base.

The next two batters reached base through a walk and a defensive error. Hornickel coaxed



ALLISON DUARTE PHOTOGRAPHER
Maryville softball sophomore Phoebe Hornickel throws the first pitch during a 17-8 loss to Cameron Sept. 5. Hornickel pitched through the second inning, but junior Emma Sprague stepped in at the top of the third.

a ground ball out to senior short-stop Ella Schulte to get to two outs. The Cameron offense caught fire again with the next seven batters reaching base. After the top half of the second inning, Maryville softball trailed 13-3.

“We need our energy to be consistent throughout the game, whether it be a bad play or a good play,” Nickerson said. “Softball is a game where you can’t dwell on the positives and negatives — where anything can happen on a single pitch.”

The Spoofhounds were able to answer with a walk from junior right fielder Annaleza Sparks and a subsequent triple from senior second baseman Aliya Farmer, but that would be all for the Spoofhound offense in the bottom of the second inning.

Sprague stepped into the circle for Maryville in relief of Hornickel to start the third. Sprague cooled down the Dragons’ of-

fense for the next four innings, allowing no runs.

After silencing the Cameron bats in the top half of the third inning, the Maryville offense tried to get some momentum flowing. The bottom of the inning started with Sprague helping herself out and lining a double to center field.

“You just have to shake off what happened,” Sprague said when talking about the fight in the team after the tough innings. “If you continue to dwell, things won’t get better.”

Cunningham contributed next and sacrificed an out with a groundout to advance Sprague to third base. On the first pitch of the next at-bat, sophomore left fielder Gwyn Bilke drove the ball to the right field gap for a triple, scoring Sprague. Bilke eventually scored on a passed ball to junior designated hitter Emma Aley.

With Sprague silencing the Cameron bats until the

top of the seventh inning, the Maryville bats also went dormant. Sprague credited her defense for her performance in the Tuesday night contest.

“I genuinely trust my teammates, I know that they have my back and will field balls cleanly,” Sprague said. “Pitching in front of them just feels like a breeze for me because I know they will be there to back me up.”

Headed to the top of the seventh, the Spoofhounds still trailed 13-6. Sprague allowed the first two batters of the inning to reach base with a walk and an infield single to Schulte. The next Cameron run scored on a defensive miscue, which led to all base runners advancing. The Dragons scored on the next at-bat with a sacrifice groundout to Henggeler at third base. The next three batters reached base with three straight singles, and three more runs scored as a result.

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MHS vs. Lafayette-St. Joseph
5 p.m. Sept. 7
St. Joseph, Missouri

Benton Tournament
Sept. 9
St. Joseph, Missouri

MHS vs. Jefferson Conception with South Nodaway
5 p.m. Sept. 11
Conception Junction, Missouri

MHS vs. Savannah
5 p.m. Sept. 12
Savannah, Missouri

MHS vs. St. Joseph-Benton
5 p.m. Sept. 14
Maryville High School

With the Spoofhounds trailing 17-6 and down to their final two outs in the bottom half of the last frame, Henggeler reached base on a fielding error by the Dragon defense. Schulte was able to line the very next pitch over Cameron freshman left fielder Cara Pittsenbarger’s head. Schulte dashed closely behind as Henggeler raced to touch the plate.

Schulte and Henggeler’s scores were ultimately the last of the game, and the Spoofhounds fell 17-8 to the Dragons (2-1). With the loss, Maryville fell to 2-3 on the season.

“Even though it didn’t necessarily go our way, we saw a lot of things that we did well and some things to improve on,” Nickerson said.

Next, the Spoofhounds will be on the road for a contest with Lafayette-St. Joseph Sept. 7. Maryville will return to St. Joseph for the Benton Tournament Sept. 9 at Hyde Park. The ‘Hounds will then have back-to-back away games against Class 1 Jefferson Conception with South Nodaway Sept. 11 and Savannah Sept. 12.



ALEXIS STARKS PHOTO EDITOR
Freshman Karyna Shapshuk serves the ball during practice Aug. 29. The Bearcats split their match against Washburn during their exhibition Sept. 2 in Topeka, Kansas.

Northwest tennis turns court challenges into experience through exhibition match

ANDREW CLARK
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Northwest tennis started its fall season with exhibition matches Sept. 2 at Washburn in Topeka, Kansas. After having issues with the courts, both Washburn and Northwest decided to do exhibition-style matches instead of a tournament.

The Bearcats and Ichabods, whose men’s and women’s tennis teams finished top two in the conference, split in the matches across the board, coach Mark Rosewell said.

“Team-wise, we kind of split with them across both genders,” Rosewell said. “It was hard to say who was the winner because we won the same number of matches. We won two out of three doubles for women. We split singles for both men and women.”

This weekend was an opportunity for some players to get back into competing.

Bearcat senior Mason Meier, who was the No. 1 singles player for the day for Northwest, got the opportunity to play in a different role for the first time since joining the team.

“I played the one for the first time

since I have been here, and I won 4-1,” Meier said. “It was really good for me and for the team it was a good start.”

The exhibition games allowed for the players to experience some match-like situations against an opponent. Rosewell said that facing Washburn will get the Bearcats ready for their first tournament of the fall at Southwest Baptist.

“It’s important because it’s just like a real match because we are going to be in a real tournament this weekend,” Rosewell said. “Washburn is now our big rival now that Southwest Baptist isn’t in our league anymore. It’s a good team. It is really good practice for us and them too.”

The Bearcats’ first competition of the fall is the Southwest Baptist Invitational Sept. 8-9 in Bolivar, Missouri. The fall tournaments can be a useful way for the players to build confidence for the longer spring season. Meier said playing more is key to being a better tennis player.

“Continue to play, continue to get better,” Meier said. “Tennis is all about playing every day. The matches help out, like the Washburn one. It helps me with my confidence, helps

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Southwest Baptist Invitational
Sept. 8-9
Bolivar, Missouri

all the other guys with their confidence just playing matches, and it doesn’t count for our score as a team. But, it was really good for us. Just continue to come out here, practice as much as we can. We have a really good team again this year, and we should do really well again.”

For Meier, he is using the upcoming tournament as a way to improve his game. He said he is looking to be a more aggressive player and would like to attack the net more.

“Usually I’m an all-court player, which I like to play a lot of defense and play a lot of offense,” Meier said. “I’m trying to stick myself on the baseline more and come forward to the net, and that should help me a lot.”

Rosewell said while preparing for Bolivar, the focus is not on enhancing the players’ skills, but it is about trying to find who plays well together and who is going to play what role for the team.

Northwest cross country finds success in first meet of season, set for time off

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Northwest cross country’s first meet of the season was the Griffon Twilight meet Sept. 1 in St. Joseph. The Bearcats finished second for the men’s and women’s squads.

Sophomore Drew Atkins secured the first-place title for the men’s 6K with a time of 16:14.1. Freshman Olivia Bakker secured the second-place title for the women’s 5K, running a time of 18:18.2. Bakker’s campaign at Griffon Twilight was her first collegiate race in her career.

“I felt pretty good going into this course,” Bakker said. “I was just happy to be racing no matter what the course was like.”

Bakker decided to redshirt as a freshman during the 2022 season due to a stress fracture in her foot. After months of recovery and time off, the Griffon Twilight meet gave her an opportunity to compete again, and

she didn’t hesitate to make the most of it.

“Going into it, I just wanted to put myself in the top group and try my best to race like myself,” Bakker said.

Freshman Cooper Greenslade placed ninth overall at the meet, and third for the Northwest men’s group with a time of 18:45.5. This was also his first collegiate race.

He spent his redshirt freshman season at South Dakota State. He didn’t race his freshman year of college because he said he took that time to adjust to his new life as a college student and further his training before competing on the collegiate level.

“I wasn’t super sure what my placing would look like, but I am happy with where I placed,” Greenslade said. “I just went out and trusted coach (Wick Cunningham’s) training and ran hard with my guys by my side.”

Coach Wick Cunningham said

Atkins winning the race helped set a good momentum for the season ahead. It was Atkins’ first collegiate win for cross country.

“Those don’t come easily,” Cunningham said. “It really shows that the team put in the work this summer, and we can finally begin to reap the benefits.”

After two years away from the competition, Bakker said she was happy to be racing again, and she wasn’t really thinking of anything in the last 200 meters of the race, she was just focused on crossing the finish line.

Cunningham said he wasn’t nervous — he knew the runners would give the race all they had — and, because of that, he had nothing to be nervous about.

“I have a lot of faith and trust in our team, and I’m excited to see what the season brings,” Cunningham said.

The Bearcats will be competing Sept. 16 at the Woody Green/Jay Dirkson Invitational.

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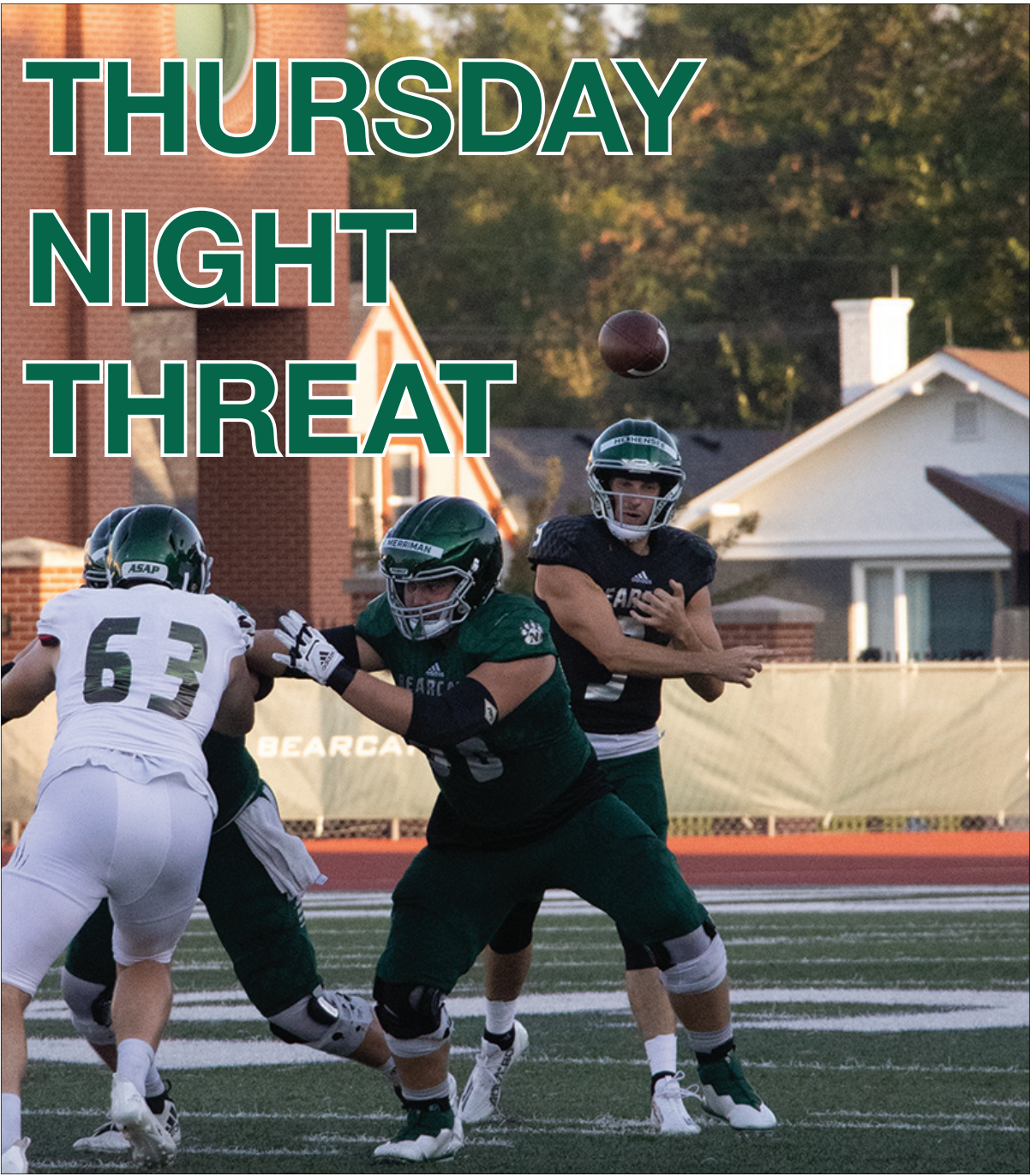
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Senior quarterback Mike Hohensee throws a quick pass to senior wide receiver Trevon Alexander during Northwest football's annual Green and White Scrimmage Aug. 24. Hohensee threw for a total of 2,174 yards in the 2022 season.

Northwest football set for night home opener

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The sun will start to creep under the west horizon, and the lights inside Bearcat Stadium will begin to flicker when Northwest football returns home for the first time of the 2023 season. After opening the season with a 31-24 win over Missouri Southern Aug. 31, the Bearcats will be back under the lights when they host Emporia State for their home opener at 7 p.m. Sept. 7. It'll be the second consecutive week with an evening game for Northwest, but

if it were up to seventh-year coach Rich Wright, he'd rather play on the Bearcats' usual setting of a Saturday afternoon. "This is just a personal opinion — I hate night games," Wright said. "I have to wait around all day to play a game — that stinks. You get no time to enjoy a win. You're just kind of right back to the grindstone again, so I'm a big proponent of the 1:30 (p.m.) kickoff times." Senior quarterback Mike Hohensee has started in two night games during six seasons with Northwest. In his second and most

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NW vs. Emporia State
7 p.m. Sept. 7
Bearcat Stadium

recent contest under the lights against the Lions, he was 25-for-39 (64.1%) on passing attempts with 278 yards, one touchdown through the air and one score on the ground. He said he also doesn't like waiting all day to play, but he also loves the feeling of being under the lights while in front of a Northwest crowd.

SEE HOME | A7

Maryville to travel to Chillicothe for start of conference

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Maryville football traveled Sept. 1 to Harrisonville, Missouri, for its second game of the season. After a 41-14 loss to Blair Oaks Aug. 25, the Spoofhounds flipped the script with a 50-12 win over Harrisonville. Maryville will be on the road for the third consecutive week for its conference opener against Chillicothe at 7 p.m. Sept. 8 in Chillicothe, Missouri. The Spoofhounds have defeated the Hornets seven consecutive times. Senior wide receiver Delton Davis scored four of the Spoofhound touchdowns against the Wildcats. Senior wide receiver Wyatt Garner recorded his second career pick in Wildcat Stadium and received the ball three times on offense. Coach Matt Webb said no single player stepped up more than any other, and it was a complete team effort.

"We did a really good job of responding from the first game to the second game, and on all four phases — offense, defense, kicking and coaching — so I think it was a full team effort," Webb said.

Spoofhounds' senior quarterback Derek Quinlin completed 13 passes, totaling 264 yards against the Wildcats. After the Blair Oaks game, Quinlin said he believed the team will be able to compete better because of its knowledge of each other's abilities on the field.

Davis said the Spoofhounds wanted to forget about the season opener with the Falcons and just keep moving forward. Webb said the team doesn't focus on past seasons, only from game to game.

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MHS vs. Chillicothe
7 p.m. Sept. 8
Chillicothe, Missouri

Soccer looks for confidence in first home matches

STEVEN CROSBY
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After a rough start to the season, Bearcat soccer is looking to bounce back with its first two home matchups Sept. 8 and Sept. 10 at Bearcat Pitch. Northwest's home opener will be against Augustana at 5 p.m. Sept. 8. The Vikings are 2-0 so far, with wins over No. 13 Central Missouri and Rogers State. Last season, the Vikings ended with a record of 11-7-2. Their season came to an end with a 2-0 loss to Bemidji State in the second round of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Tournament Nov. 4. The Bearcats and Vikings played each other four times since 2004, with each team having two wins against the other. The last contest between the two squads ended in a 3-2 victory for the Vikings Sept. 15, 2019. Coach Marc Gordon said Augustana will be a tough opponent and is a well-coached team. "Augustana had a good start

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NW vs. Augustana
5 p.m. Sept. 8
Bearcat Pitch

NW vs. Sioux Falls
1 p.m. Sept. 10
Bearcat Pitch

to the year," Gordon said. "You start winning games, and your confidence is up, so they'll be ready to go and play." The second match of the weekend will be against Sioux Falls at 1 p.m. Sept. 10. The Cougars are 0-1 overall so far, losing a match against Rogers 1-0 Sept. 1. The Cougars will be looking for their first win since Oct. 22, 2021, partly due to going winless last season with a record of 0-12-6. The Bearcats and Cougars will be facing off for the seventh time since 2015, with the previous six matches going in the Bearcats' favor. Northwest defeated Sioux Falls 4-0 Sept. 4, 2022. Gordon said although the Cou-



AARON HARE MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

The Bearcat soccer team listens to coach Marc Gordon as he explains the plans for practice Aug. 24 in Carl and Cheryl Hughes Fieldhouse. Northwest's home opener is at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 8 against Augustana.

gars had a down year last season, they'll still be organized and prepared and are already starting off better than they did in 2022. "They're having some initial success," Gordon said. "That should be a boost to

their confidence." The Friday evening match against Augustana will be the home opener for the Bearcats. Playing on the same field that a team practices on can have its benefits. It hasn't seemed to

matter with Northwest, as the program has similar records whether playing home or away the past two seasons: 14-4-2 at home, 12-5-1 away.

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